

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 2, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

To this end, according to embodiments of the invention, the chuck of the aforesaid type is essentially one wherein the body comprises, in its region covered by the nut, a peripheral set of teeth and the nut bears a locking means-mechanism which ~~are~~is intended to engage in the set of teeth of the body when the chuck is in the tightened position, and which are intended to be activated by the sleeve, and wherein the sleeve has an angular relative movement with respect to the locking ~~means-comprise~~means-mechanism between an unlocked position in which the sleeve turns the nut and a locked position in which the chuck is in its tightened position.

Thus, by virtue of these measures, the chuck has a locking means-mechanism that ~~are~~is mounted directly on the nut and ~~are~~is operated by the sleeve itself manipulated directly by the operator.

Advantageously, the locking ~~means-comprise~~means-mechanism comprises at least one first spring leaf which is mounted angularly fixedly on the nut and which has a free end projecting through an opening made in the nut so that when the chuck is in the tightened position it reaches the set of teeth of the body.

In a preferred embodiment, the locking ~~means-comprise~~means-mechanism comprises at least one second spring leaf which has a free end equipped with a relief which collaborates, in the unlocked and locked positions of the sleeve respectively, with a first depression and with a second depression which are formed in this sleeve.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 4, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph2:

Figure 7 is a perspective view of the locking ~~means~~mechanism according to a second embodiment of the present invention, ready to be mounted on the nut.

Figure 8 is an enlarged part view of the locking ~~means~~mechanism of Figure 7.

Figure 9 is a view similar to that of Figure 3, of a chuck equipped with the locking ~~means~~mechanism depicted in Figures 7 and 8.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to another essential feature of the present invention, the nut 12 bears locking ~~means~~mechanism 35 which ~~are~~is intended to be engaged in the set of teeth 30 of the body 2 when the chuck is in the tightened position, and which ~~are~~is intended to be actuated by the sleeve 25. This sleeve has an angular relative movement with respect to the locking ~~means~~mechanism 35 between a first position or unlocked position (Figures 3 and 4) in which the sleeve 25 turns the nut 12 and a second position or locked position (Figures 5 and 6) in which the chuck is in its tightened position.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The locking ~~means~~mechanism 35 comprises a ring 45 from which extends a first spring leaf 46 and a second spring leaf 47. The ring 45 is mounted so that it rotates as one with the nut 12 and is fixed to the latter by means of three tabs 50 which enter complementary parts formed in the nut 12. As a preference, the ring 45 is pressed against the surface 17 of the nut 12.